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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p align="center">Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231</p>	Application Number	09/423,158
	Filing Date	NOVEMBER 2, 1999
	First Named Inventor	HEILAND
	Art Unit	2878
	Examiner Name	THANH X LUU
	Attorney Docket Number	(H)98HEL1149USP

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on SEPTEMBER 14, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION

2. Miscellaneous

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b. ☐ Other _____

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

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